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URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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DRINKING WATER PROJECTS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any project for drinking water under the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking WaterTechnology Mission or any other scheme from the Government of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(c): Water Supply is a State subject. The Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Drinking Water Supply, Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission has informed that the State Governments have been implementing Rural Water Supply Programmes under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing Central assistance under the Accelerated RuralWater Supply Programme (ARWSP).Powers to plan, sanction and implement the individual projects/schemes under the normal ARWSP and Sub-Missionhave been delegated to the State Governments. As such, no project proposals are being received. However, Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Developmenthas initiated sector reforms in the implementation of Rural Water Supply Programme on a pilot basis to institutionalise community participation in the programme in selected pilot districts of the country. Sector reform projects in respect of these pilot districts are being received in the Department of Drinking Water Supply. Ministry of Rural Developmenthas also informed that the Government of Kerala has submitted sector reform project proposals in respect of two districts of the State, namely, Kasaragod and Kollam. The Kasaragod pilot project has since been sanctioned by the GOI witha sanctioned project cost of Rs.4000.00 lakh and first instalment of Rs.1122.00 lakh out of GOI shareof Rs.3740.00 lakh has been released to the State Government.

The Ministry of Rural Development has furtherinformed that the State Government has submitted a Rural Water Supply& Environmental Sanitation Project proposal covering 4 districts of the State with an estimated project cost of US $ 80million for World Bank assistance. The proposal has since been posed to the World Bank.

Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme meant for towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 census, three water supply schemes at Paniyannur (Distt. Kannur), Pudukkad (Distt. Thrissur) have been approved by this Ministry at a total project cost of Rs.712.82 lakhs. Two more water supply schemes for Marathakkara and Chevoor (both in Distt. Thrissur) have been technically examined by this Ministry and observations have been communicated to Kerala Water Authority for modification of Detailed Project Report which is awaited.